

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated September 13, 2007. Claims 36, 37, 39, 41, 44, 45, 47, 49, 52, 53, 55 and 57 are pending in the application, of which Claims 36, 44 and 52 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that Claims 38, 46 and 54 contain allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 36, 44 and 52 have been rewritten in accordance with the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter. Furthermore, claims 38, 40, 42, 43, 46, 48, 50, 51, 54, 56, 58 and 59 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Finally, Claims 41, 49 and 57 have been amended to depend from Claims 36, 44 and 52, respectively.

In view of the foregoing amendments, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

CONCLUSION

No claim fees are believed due; however, should it be determined that additional claim fees are required, the Director is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 50-3939.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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